

Notes from Command Briefing #9

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Notes from 5:30pm call:

- Approx. 50 people on the Hill, 200 in the streets, fewer trucks than yesterday but more to come; more OPP helping; Traffic officers moving to outer core to start enforcement; ESU on standby, currently helping with hardening the core; snow removal trucks being replaced by barriers because of forecast; PLTs meeting with organizers this afternoon; Chaudiere opened both ways; intel remains that many protestors will be coming back into the city this weekend but won't be given access to inner core; perimeter – Wellington – Elgin – Queen – Lyon;
- Ensure there is a mechanism to capture tickets issued;
- OPP gathering intelligence, embedded with OPS and RCMP; info being gathered from various sources coming into NCRCC and pushed through intel coordinator to incident command; [REDACTED] arriving tomorrow and will do a speech; US convoy is being tracked but looked like they are headed to Washington; social media shows protestors are having refueling issues; organizers have two command centers the purpose of which are to address issues of refueling, food and other logistics to maintain presence; location is known and a presence will be maintained to gather info; hotlines established for reporting of hate crimes (x 5015) and criminal activity (x7300); 13 criminal code investigations ongoing currently including one today – [REDACTED] for threats against the Mayor; reports of 8 hate crimes – 3 investigations underway; 7 threats against PM;

- Costs are tracking upwards of \$800k per day not including new complement of OPP, RCMP and others contracted to help (approx. 120)
- Meeting with Crown to discuss monuments; there is a section in CC that deals with mischief of a War Memorial – GAS is working on an official media release identifying the individual responsible; Crown did not see a charge with respect to the Terry Fox monument;
- Another POI – [REDACTED] coming to Ottawa with her entourage of 5 vehicles; she has a large social media following; she has threatened Shoppers Drug Mart owners for providing vaccinations; information has gone to GAS; working with intel to get more info; 100 vehicle license plates from Wellington have been analyzed; looking to get info on vehicles on SJAM soon;
- Comms – starting to knock down info about food deliveries; Council briefing tomorrow at 2pm; looking to get relevant, up-to-date info that will be turned into a comms package after briefing; scanning now – counter protests – public starting to take matters into their own hands; Ottawa has a conflict arising between Ottawa's diverse community and right wing protestors; if we are changing posture significantly Comms to adjust messaging; ensure Comms is aware of progress of investigations on War Memorial, etc; messaging that there will be consequences for illegal behavior;
- Balance between putting out messaging about enforcement and inciting anger from protestors; need messaging out that we're actively doing something – ramp up; fight against truckers preferable to that against the community; more overt presence in outer c
- Supt. Dunlop to ask Insp. Elves to send Comms info about threats to Mayor and cenotaph investigation progress;
- Chief – meeting needs to be longer than 30 min going forward; messaging needs to 'show teeth' daily; daily end-of-day media briefing cycles by A/DC Ferguson, DC Bell and A/Supt Zackrias - no Q&A ; J. Steinbachs to talk to Navigator to determine cadence;
- Chief - Supt. Zackrias and Insp. Mbakulo to participate in briefing calls; wants NRTs, CPOs, SROs to 'lean in' - high visibility; high impact; Chief met with PLTs – they felt it would be very risky to forcefully move the trucks safely; awaiting full briefing from M. Stoll to inform decision tomorrow about whether to proceed as an occupation; Council needs to be briefed about this transition and risks associated with it – needs to lay it out clearly; 7 convoys and other organizers embedded in heart of downtown – negotiation difficult; PLTs have done an excellent job in preventing rioting and de-escalation but overall position in change needs to happen; looking more like an occupation than a negotiated end to a protest; too many photos of police with protestors/trucks – Chief would like this addressed;
- If more demonstrators are expected back this weekend, early request for resources is required; decision on whether this is an occupation needs to be made by tomorrow; use experienced resources ie Rob Bernier and others – pull from sections;
- Discussions with OPP about what has worked for them – Dave Springer and Jason Younan; important to leverage these people;
- Next meeting at 1pm tomorrow

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